

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
November 22, 2010

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Keane, Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer  
Excused: Haddad

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2010 Special meeting as presented. Mr. Paulhus noted he left the Special meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion to approve passed as amended. Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2010 meeting as presented. Mr. Paulhus noted he left the Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. Motion to approve passed as amended with all in favor except Ms. Lindsey and Mr. Ryan who abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, raised concerns about the actions of the Committee on Committee, the proposed pay raises, and the Leyland Alliance contract. Statement attached.

David Freudmann, Eastwood Road, questioned the liability of the Town for the relocation expenses in connection with the Storrs Center Project.

Roger Roberge, Woodland Road, questioned the proposed benefits and raises and asked that town employees be asked to forgo any wage increases.

Mike Sikoski, Wildwood Road, also questioned the need for an increase in wages; took issue with the terms of offices for the Ethics Board; stated that he too did not receive META mail notification of the Committee on Committees meeting and questioned the openness and transparency in the process leading up to the Development Agreement.

IV. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Statement attached

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Paulhus attended the Veteran's Day event in Mansfield and commented that it was a well attended, nicely presented event. Mr. Paulhus also attended the Charter Member reception for the Community Center at which Director of Park and Recreation Curt Vincente made a thoughtful and informative presentation.

Ms. Keane spoke in favor of putting the volunteer opportunities on the front page of the Town's website. Mr. Kochenburger added that the list of the day's meetings would also be helpful on the front page of the website.

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Mayor Paterson will contact Gregory Haddad and Denise Merrill to find a convenient time for a reception in honor of their service to the Town as a member of the Council and the Town's State Representative, respectively.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Town Council Rules of Procedure

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective November 22, 2010, to adopt the recommended amendments to the Town Council Rules of Procedure, as presented by the Personnel Committee.

Mr. Schaefer moved to split the motion into two sections the first concerning the new Rule 9e and the heading change for Rule 9 and the second concerning changes to Rule 3c and Rule 2g. The motion to split the recommendation of the Personnel Committee was seconded by Mr. Ryan and passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the addition of Rule 9e and the heading change to Rule 9 as presented by the Personnel Committee.

Members discussed the intent of the 2007 revisions to the Charter which attempted to increase the power of the Council; the fact that the proposed Rule 9e has been the practice of Councils since 1971 and is not inconsistent with the Charter; and that historically the Mayor has asked for volunteers to fill the standing committees and then works to balance work load and party affiliation.

The motion passed with Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer in favor and Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus opposed.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to move language from Rule 3c to Rule 2G as presented by the Personnel Committee.

Mr. Schaefer offered a statement which is attached.

The motion to approve was passed with all in favor except Mr. Schaefer who voted no.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### 2. Financial Statements Dated September 30, 2010

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded, effective November 22, 2010, to accept the Financial Statements Dated September 30, 2010, as presented by the Director of Finance.

The motion to approve passed unanimously.

### 3. Lease Agreement for Tredgold Hall

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective November 22, 2010, to authorize the Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart, to execute a lease agreement with the University of Connecticut for the use of Tredgold Hall located on the grounds of the Mansfield Training School located at 123 Walters Avenue in Mansfield for cold storage, for a term of two (2) years, commencing on March 1, 2010 and ending on February 28, 2012.

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The motion passed unanimously.

4. Contract Between the Mansfield Board of Education and the Mansfield Education Association

Mr. Ryan, who represented the Council during the negotiations, urged ratification of the contract calling it a favorable settlement for the Town.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to ratify the agreement between the Mansfield Board of Education and the Mansfield Education Association.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Open and Transparent Government Policy

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, effective November 22, 2010, to adopt the Open and Transparent Government Policy presented and endorsed by the Personnel Committee, and to include the Open and Transparent Government Policy in the Town Council's policy index.

Mr. Schaefer amended the motion to change the word "utilize" to "use" in the first paragraph of the policy.

Motion to approve as amended passed unanimously.

6. Fiscal Year 2010/11 Wage and Benefits Adjustment for Nonunion Personnel

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to: 1) increase the pay rates in the Town Administrators Pay Plan by 1.5 percent retroactive to July 1, 2010 and by another 1.5 per cent effective January 1, 2011; 2) authorize the Town Manager to award regular nonunion employees with a 1.5 percent wage increase retroactive to July 1, 2010 and by 1.5 percent effective January 1, 2011; and 3) authorize the Town Manager to make the changes to the health insurance benefits for nonunion employees, as recommended by the Manager.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Development Agreement – Phase 1A and 1B – Town of Mansfield, Storrs Center Alliance, LLC and Education Realty Trust, Inc.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the following resolution as modified:

BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held before this Town Council on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at 7 p.m. at a location to be determined and set forth in the public notice, to receive public comment directed to a document entitled "Development Agreement, Phases 1A and 1B, Town of Mansfield, Storrs Center Alliance, LLC, and Education Realty Trust, Inc., notice of said hearing to be published on the town website forthwith, and in the Chronicle on or about November 26, 2010, and on or about December 2, 2010, with copies of said document made available on the website and at the office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall and at the Public Library, 54 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center, CT, on or before December 2, 2010, said hearing to be conducted in the manner required by Rule 4b of the Town of Mansfield Town Council Rules of Procedure, except that the Town Council and staff may offer responses to questions raised by citizens regarding the details of the document.

Motion passed unanimously.

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## VIII. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments

## IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Ms. Moran, Chair of the Committees on Committees reported the Committee continues to work on reviews of terms of appointments for the various committees. Members are in the process of contacting committee chairs to ascertain if current members are still willing to serve and to determine the types of volunteers needed to fulfill the charges of the committees. As soon as the list of openings is compiled the Committee will begin to advertise those vacancies. The Committee is in the process of interviewing candidates to fill the opening on the Ethics Board which was a result of a resignation. The Committee would like to have a lawyer who is not involved in extensive real estate dealings with the Town. The Committee has also been looking at the terms of appointment for members of the Ethics Board.

The Committee on Committees offered the following recommendations:  
Saul Nesselroth as a full member of the Ethics Board filling Nancy Cox's vacancy and Susan Westa to the Open Space Committee.  
Motion to approve passed.

## X. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. C. Schaefer re: Four Corners Update
9. L. Hultgren re: CPI Increase for Single-family Garbage/Recycling Collection Contract
10. G. Padick re: Storrs Center Update 11/8/10
11. Press Release: Town of Mansfield has a Facebook page!
12. Tax Incentives to Protect Family Farms Workshop
13. Reminder News "Town rallies around injured man" – 10/14/10
14. Chronicle "Council concerned on Masonicare status" – 11/4/10
15. Chronicle "Mansfield mulls zone reg changes" – 11/6/10
16. Chronicle "Mansfield council approves DUI enforcement funds" – 11/9/10
17. Daily News "Union should be polling place on Election Day" – 11/11/10 – Mr. Paulhus asked the Town Clerk to update Council members on previous research done on this issue.
18. Chronicle "Berliner expected to retire for good in December" – 11/15/10
19. Chronicle "Editorial: We offer these threads, needles" – 11/15/10
20. Chronicle "Mansfield wants input on police" – 11/16/10
21. Chronicle "Storrs Center project: Zoning changes needed."

## XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

No additions

Ms. Moran moved and Ms. Keane seconded to recess and move into Executive Session to discuss the continued review and discussion of commercial and

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financial information provided in confidence by Storrs Center Alliance, in accordance with CGS §§ 1-200(6)(E), 1-210(b)(5)(B). Motion passed unanimously.

## XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Continued review and discussion of commercial and financial information provided in confidence by Storrs Center Alliance, in accordance with CGS §§ 1-200(6) (E), 1-210(b) (5) (B)

Present: Keane, Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus (left at 10:30 p.m.), Ryan, Schaefer

Also included: Town Manager Matt Hart, Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien, Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren, Director of Planning Gregory Padick and John Walsh from Environmental Partners.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The Town Council reconvened in regular session. Mr. Kochenburger moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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